BRITISH GUNS COMMAND THE BRIDGE.

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bending nation.

Chieveley, Dec. 17 (Evening).-The British army is occupying its original camping ground. The Naval Brigade this morning fired a few shells at the Boer positions. The result is not known, but the firing is taken to show that the naval guns are able to command the Tugela

headquarters.

## LORD ROBERTS SAILS.

ENTHUSIASTIC SCENES OF FAREWELL

AT LONDON AND SOUTHAMPTON. London, Dec. 23.-Field Marshal Lord Roberts. who is to assume command of the British forces in South Africa, left Waterloo assilroad Station idly demonstrating the national interest in the whatever can be done in South Africa will be carried out by thoroughly competent hands and on carefully matured lines. Although only privileged persons were permitted to enter the station, this did not prevent the gathering of immense throngs at all the approaches and other points of vantage, who cheered repeatedly as "Bobs," accompanied by his wife and two daughters, drove up. Seldom has the terminus witnessed such an inspiriting send off. Every appearance of the Field Marshal was the signal for ringing hurrahs, lusty shouts and good wishes. The moment the veteran commander arrived he was surrounded by military officers and other friends, and held a semi-private reception in the waiting room. After personal leave takings Lord Roberts reached the platform, where general greetings and parting words were exchanged. Many women pressed eagerly forward to get a last handshake, express deep sympathy with the distinguished soldier in his recent bereavement, and bid him godspeed. One woman, with her eyes filled with tears exclaimed:

"God bless you, and bring you safely back

This wish was echoed and re-echoed in varying phraseology by hundreds thronging the vicinity of the train.

As the General joined his wife and daughters at the door of the saloon carriage he was speedily surrounded by distinguished statesmen and military men, including A. J. Balfour, the Marquis of Lansdowne, Field Marshal Sir Donald Stewart and Lieutenant Colonel Carrington. the Queen's Equerry. Lord Wolseley and others arrived late, and it required all the efforts of the police to clear a passage for them. Scarcely had the Commander in Chief joined Lord Roberts when a great cheer announced the approach of the Duke of Cambridge. The crush was so great that the Duke, in spite of police protection, was so hustled that more than once he gave verbal expression of resentment at the rough treatment he had to submit to, and the police redoubled their efforts, finally enabling the Duke of Cambridge to reach Lord Roberts, though in the confusion the police thrust aside many of those who were best entitled to remain, including Lord Wolseley, who, however, took the rough handling of the police good humoredly.

The women present suffered much from the crowds, but their piteous appeals were unavailing to stem the crush.

Renewed cheering heralded the Duke of Con-

naught's arrival. Then rousing cheers mo-mentarily diverted attention from the hero of the hour as the Prince of Wales appeared and greeted Lord Roberts in the most cordial man-ner. The Prince and the distinguished General ngaged in earnest conversation, and furnished a striking centre to a notable group, which included no less than five field marshals. Lord Roberts, who was in morning dress, looked fit for anything. In spite of his sixty-seven years he was straight and soldierly, and his rugged features reflected determination. At the time the train was due to start the Prince of Wales less than five field marshals. shook hands with Lord Roberts, saying: "Goodby, Bobs; a happy Christmas, a pros-perous New Year and every possible luck in

Balfour bade General Roberts a similar

Amid the din, enthusiasm and excitement Amid the din, enthusiasm and excitement no one heard the signals for departure, and in consequence the train was moving while Lord Roberts was still on the platform with his back to the carriage door. The farewells were abruptly terminated and he was forced to make a somewhat undignified scramble for his seat. As the General disappeared in the saloon carriage a final lusty cheer was started, and continued until the train passed out of sight.

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"The Daily News" sees immense significance in the fact that Lord Roberts has appointed on his staff Lieutenant Colonel Henderson, author of a life of General Stonewall Jackson, the Confederate leader, and a man who has closely studied the history of the American Civil War, especially as he has not served under Lord Roberts before and is little known to him personally. The appointment is regarded by "The Daily News" as proving Lord Roberts's belief that what is wanted in the war in South Africa is a strict application of Jackson's principles.

Southampton, Dec. 23.-On arriving at Southampton General Roberts was heartly cheered by thousands of people, and as he boarded the Dunottar Castle, between a guard of honor of marines and bluejackets, there was a renewed outburst of applause. The Mayor and corporation officials were present.
In spite of a thick fog which prevailed, the Dunottar Castle sailed at 6:25 p. m.

Lord Roberts, in the course of an interview

had with him before sailing, said:

I am deeply impressed by the feeling shown

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A DENIAL FROM LEYDS.

to-day in London along the route to and at Southampton. I desire to express my gratitude to all who have seen me off and to send my best remembrances to all in the country. In all these outbursts of patriotism I see a good omen of Success.

THE MAINE SAILS FOR AFRICA. AGUINALDO'S WIFE DEAD.

LADY RANDOLPH CHURCHILL ON BOARD HARDSHIPS OF HER FLIGHT PROVE FATAL SUCCESS.

THE REBEL LEADER HEARD FROM.

When those who were not to be passengers by the steamer left the vessel, Lord Roberts bade | Maine sailed from the West India Docks for farewell to his wife and his daughters, and ascended to the bridge. His appearance was the signal for deafening cheers and for the sing- New-York hospitals. One of these men is said barkation of the crew into the boats, which were ing of "God Save the Queen" and "Rule to have expected promotion to a non-commis-Britannia" Responding to cries for a speech, Lord Roberts said.

As the ship disappeared in the darkness a

great final cheer rang out from the watching

### AN INCREDIBLE WAR RUMOR. REPORT THAT A BRITISH ARMY CORPS HAS

LANDED AT LOURENCO MARQUES. London, Dec. 24, 4:45 a. m.-Beyond the statesmith reports "all well to Friday afternoon,

with no fighting except outpost skirmishes," absolutely no news has been received from the the last glimpse of "Bobs," greatest among the seat of war during the night. The War Office any war dispatches.

> From a Continental Dutch source, however, comes the incredible rumor that a British army corps has disembarked at Lourenco Marques and is marching toward the Transvaal frontier.

### CHRISTMAS AT WINDSOR.

London, Dec. 23 .- In spite of the deep anxiety of the Queen regarding events in South Africa Durban, Dec. 17.-The foreign attachés have she has no intention to permit Christmas at arrived here on their way to General Buller's Windsor to assume a gloomy aspect. The Duke and Duchess of Connaught, the Marquis of Lorne and Princess Louise, and a host of little folks, other members of the royal family, and Canon Duckworth, the Queen's chaplain, arrived at Windsor this evening, where they were met by Princess Henry of Battenberg, the Duchess of Albany and others, who will make up a cheerful party. An official of the household said this evening:

"I have seen merrier times at the Castle, but at noon to-day, amid scenes of enthusiasm viv- Christmas cannot be gloomy where the Queen resides, and this will be no exception to the rule. incident, and the belief that the departure of the | There is plenty of good cheer throughout the General can be accepted as a guarantee that entire household, and the Queen is most cheerful amid all her little folk."

### VOLUNTEERS URGED TO ENROLL.

London, Dec. 23.-The exceedingly grave view taken in some quarters of the present crisis is evidenced by a circular signed by Attorney General Webster, Solicitor General Finlay and General Sir Evelyn Wood, Adjutant General to the Forces, to the effect that the present position of public affairs is so critical that, as a greater part of the regular forces will be re-quired abroad, it becomes imperative, for the purpose of home defence, that the volunteers should be augmented, and urging that every member of the legal profession, not debarred by age or paramount duty, enroll himself as an active member of the Inns of Court or other volunteer corps.

## WINGATE SUCCEEDS KITCHENER.

Cairo, Dec. 23.-General Wingate has succeeded General Kitchener as Sirdar and Governor General of the Soudan.

### TO CARRY CANADIAN TROOPS. Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 23 .- The Dominion Govern-

ment has closed a contract with the Elder-Dempster Steamship Line for carrying half of the second Canadian contingent to South Africa. The steamer Montezuma has been engaged, and the price will be so much a ton, as paid by the Imperial authorities in such cases. The Laurentian, of the Allan Line, may be engaged for carrying the remainder of the contingent on the

the European representative of the Boers, has asked the services of M. Delcassé, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, in the cause of peace.

### R. E. L. BROWN ON THE SITUATION. THE AMERICAN ENGINEER TALKS OF THE FEELING IN ENGLAND AND ON

THE CONTINENT. R. E. L. Brown, the well known American engineer, who is a litigant with the Transvaal Government over an unsatisfied claim, when seen at the Hoffman yesterday, just after his arrival from England on the St. Paul, said:

England on the St. Paul, said:

In England to-day the feeling is that the Government's action was precipitate. As yet the presion of the president of the part of the financially interested members of the part of the financially interested members of the community that there may be a possibility that the hoped for British autocracy in South Africa may not come to pass. The typical British stolidity shows itself, however, in that every reverse is minimized and renewed preparations toward carrying the campaign on to ultimate success are mad without cavil or doubt on the part of any faction save, possibly, the irish, which, as they except the verything on every possible occasion, is not surprising.

one notable change in public opinion is that whereas prior to actual hostilities the Transvaal Government and the individual Boer were considered in England, respectively as a nation and as a fishing unit, to be inferior to Britain and the representative British soldier, there is now in London a firm conviction, only too sadly brought home by the great mortality and general devastation inflicted on the British forces, that the Boer and the seconding Dutch Afrikanders are at least the equals of the British soldier.

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There appears also to be an unexpressed though deeply felt belief in London that the tactics of the English commanding officers in the field have been tinctured with overconfidence. In everything so far done by the Boers, whether in the actual fighting in South Africa, the obtaining of arms and ammunition or the training of men, it becomes more and more evident that for years the Dutch have been preparing at all points for this very struggle, and that in both armament and secret information, in the past and in the present, they have been and are better served than the British.

It is a significant fact that shortly after war was declared almost every speaker in the Conservative party in England used as his theme the repartition of South Africa, after the Boers had been conquered. In other words, they "counted their chickens before they were hatched." To-day there is a noticeable change in these public speeches, and the Conservatives now appear willing to wait to find what may be theirs to divide and govern before proceeding to the division and government thereof. The Liberals maintain an ominous silence.

The opinion of the public in France, which may be taken as indicative of that of all Continental Europe, with the possible exception of parts of Germany, shows open rejoicing at the Boer successes, although this is probably as much the result of a temporary ill feeling toward England as it is any appreciation for the sentiments or rights for which the Boers are fighting.

The Boers financially are certainly in a position, so long as they remain in undisputed control of the Transvaal, to provide themselves with the sinews of war. Normally the mines of the Rand at the present time can produce from \$50,000,000 to \$50,000,000,000 per annum in gold. To per cent of which can be mined at a profit. In some of the richer mines the cost of produc

SPECIAL PRECAUTIONS AT BRITISH PORTS San Francisco, Dec. 23.-A dispatch from Vic-B. C., says that evidences of Great Britain's determination not to be caught napping at any of her outposts is afforded by the promulgation of her outposts is afforded by the promulgation of an order that hereafter all merchant vessels wish-ing to enter Esquimault Harbor must come to a dead stop at the entrance and signal their presence by means of a special series of whistles, which have been communicated privately to the local pilots and the masters of such steam craft as may naturally be expected to visit the naval port and which will be answered from the shore. Much comment is excited locally by these orders, taken in conjunction with the strict precautionary meas-ures adopted at the dock and navsl yards.

NEGROES SAID TO HAVE BEEN LYNCHED. Vicksburg, Miss., Dec. 23.-M. S. Haire, an aged and wealthy planter of Hinds County, was shot and killed by negro burglars at his home, two and killed by negro burglars at his home, two miles from Bolton, last night. James Martin and Charles West were arrested to-day, charged with the crime, and they made a confession. A report from Bolton to-night says that both negroes were lynched, but this is not confirmed. Bolton is a small town, fifteen miles from this city, on the Alabama and Vicksburg road.

# -FIVE ASSISTANTS DESERT.

London, Dec. 23.-The American hospital ship Cape Town at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, minus five of the male assistants supplied from the sloned officer's rank. He succeeded in enlisting four friends, who, a moment before the ship My good friends, I wish you all good luck. sailed, informed Major Cabelle of their refusal to go, saying one of their number was ill, and formed them that their friend had been left in the mountains near Bayombong, going southdesert. The men, however, made other complaints, whereupon Major Cabelle informed them that they had had plenty of time to consider this proved fatal. beforehand, but if they refused to go they must sign off the rolls and leave the ship. This the | Colonels Hare and Howze have released twenty-

> friend here for any one!" As the incident occurred at the last moment, Major Cabelle had only time to say to a repre-Contative of The Associated Press:

"We are too good Americans to leave a sick

officials at midnight said they had not received they would leave, making a general complaint rifles were captured, without casualties on the of ill treatment, which I am unable to fathom. American side. Some of the papers called them 'orderlies,' which reached at the last moment, and left me no time justified."

Mr. Vanduzer, a member of the Executive Committee, said:

Before the men left the ship Major Cabelle care, and will be sent to New-York at the com- unteer Infantry. mittee's expense. The dispute was an incident which was known to only a few.

The Maine departed under favorable auspices. COLONELS HARE AND HOWZE HEARD The Red Cross flag floated from her foremast, the Queen's ensign from her main, and the Stars and Stripes from her mizzen.

Lady Randolph Churchill was in her state while holly and mistletoe overhung the doorway. Mrs. Ronalds, Mrs. Blow, Mrs. Vanduzer and others of the committee were present. The others of the committee were present. The nurses, in blue capes and soft felt hats, and the surgeons in the newly designed semi-United States uniforms, added color to the scene. Lady Churchill said to the representative of The Associated Press:

The Associated Press:

"I know of no better way to spend the Christmas than on an American hospital ship bound for South Africa. The Maine is splendidly equipped and worthy of her people and mission. I go with a grateful heart to all who have so munificently aided the committee. I hope we may prove worthy of this sacred duty. Where-

ship, said to a representative of The Associates. Press this evening:

"My grievance for leaving the Maine was that my comrade, Green, was lying sick at the Prince of Wales Hotel. He had been there for two days without medical attendance. When I reported the facts to Major Cabelle this afternoon he told me the American women would care for him, but I decided that I would not heave him.

comrades complain that Major Cabelle rying the remainder of the contingent on the same terms.

DENIED BY FRENCH FOREIGN OFFICE.

Paris, Dec. 23.—The French Foreign Office denies the statement of the Paris correspondent of "The Daily Mail," of London, that Dr. Leyds, by the Bosts has been designed as purses and considered themselves. treated as private soldiers.

### SEIZURE OF AMERICAN FLOUR. THE STATE DEPARTMENT MAKING AN IN-VESTIGATION.

Washington, Dec. 23.—The State Department has received from the Pennsylvania Milling Company, of New-York, a statement of the facts regarding the seizure of two cargoes of flour belonging to that concern bound for Portuguese ports in East Africa. The seizures were made by British warships on the ground that the flour was intended for the Boers. The company's letter is a presentation of the case without protest, and is evidently intended to serve as a basis of a claim for pecuniary damages against the British Government. Following the established usage, the State Department has set about the ascertainment of the facts, and to that end has called upon the acting United States Consul at Lourenço Marques to make investigation. A copy of the statement made by the milling company has also been sent to Ambassador Choate, and it is not doubted that if the facts are as represented in the company's statement and the goods were really seized when under consignment from one neutral port to another prompt reparation will be made.

### TAMMANY SYMPATHY FOR BOERS. The Tammany Hall General Committee of the

Ist Assembly District met at No. 184 Hudson-st. last night, with Judge-elect Daniel E. Finn in the chair, and adopted the following resolutions:

chair, and adopted the following resolutions:

Whereas, Great Britain is waging an unboly war to strangle the liberties of the Republic of South Africa, and has invaded their territory without cause or justice; and

Whereas, The Boers have met the invaders, repulsed and defeated them in a series of hard fought thattles, as did the colonists of America against the Hessians of King George in their war of independence, therefore, be it

Resolved, That, as liberty loving American citizens, we hereby express our sympathy with the Boers and their alies and invoke the God of battles to crown their efforts with victory.

FINAL BOUTS OF THE LEXINGTON ATHLETIC

The final bouts of the Lexington Athletic Club's amateur boxing tournament were held at the Broadway Athletic Club last night A large crowd gathered to see the contests, and there were enough ugging, fast fighting and knockouts to keep the spectators in the noisiest sort of enthusiasm. In the heavyweight final bout "Jack" Quinn, of the Downtown Athletic Club, defeated "Mike" O'Brien in a swift fight. Quinn had his opponent's face bleeding badly and nearly had him out when the gong rang in the third round. M. O'Brien, of the on Settlement Athletic Club, in the 125-pound final bout met Harry Mason, and in the second

Union Settlement Athletic Club, in the 125-pound final bout met Harry Mason, and in the second round sent him to the floor. In the following round Mason was knocked out.

"Tim" Crosby, in the 125 pound final bout, fought "Joe" McGuire, of this city. Crosby sent McGuire to the floor in the first round with a heavy left swing on the law. In the next two rounds the worst sort of slugging was induiged in McGuire swinging wild. The judges were unable to agree and the referee ordered another round. Again they were unable to decide the winner, and the referee gave the decision to Crosby. Hugh Murphy proved himself to be a hard hitter. In the final bout he got the decision over B. Diamond, after the judges had disagreed twice. It was the last and fastest contest of the night, Diamond showing the more skill. William Cullen, of the Union Settlement Athletic Club, defeated "Charlie" Hand in the final 106 pound class— Charlie" Hand defeated "Jim" Hughes, William Cullen, Union Settlement Athletic Club, defeated "Charlie" Hand. One hundred and fiften pound class—B. Diamond, Winslew Athletic Club, Hugh Murphy St. Bartholomew Athletic Club, "Willie" Gerteshaw, Harvey Athletic Club, defeated J. Kenny, Prince Athletic Club, defeated William Gerteshaw, Harvey Athletic Club, "Gerteshaw, Harvey Athletic Club, "Gerteshaw, Harvey Athletic Club, defeated J. Kenny, Prince Athletic Club, defeated William Gerteshaw, Harvey Athletic Club, defeated Harry Mason, Gardner Athletic Club, defeated William Gerteshaw, Harvey Athletic Club, defeated Harry Mason, Gardner Athletic Club, defeated William Gerteshaw, Harvey Athletic Club, defeated Harry Mason, Gardner Athletic Club, defeated William Gerteshaw, Harvey Athletic Club, defeated Harry Mason, Gardner Athletic Club, defeated William Gerteshaw, Harvey Athletic Club, defeated Harry Mason, Gardner Athletic Club, defeated William Gerteshaw, Harvey Athletic Club, defeated Harry Mason, Gardner Athletic Club, defeated William Gerteshaw, Harvey Athletic Club, defeated T. Haley, Harvey Athletic Club,

-THE REBEL LEADER HEARD FROM.

Manila, Dec. 23 .- The report of the Charleston court of inquiry, just rendered, is favorable to the officers of the stranded warship. It shows that due vigilance was exercised in the em-

A correspondent of The Associated Press at Vigan sends, under date of December 15, the announcement that Colonel Wilder has telegraphed to go, saying one of their number was ill, and to Vigan from Bayombong that Aguinaldo, with they had determined to stay. Major Cabelle in- a number of Igorrote litter bearers, has crossed good hands, and that there was no reason to ward, and that his wife died in a village in that vicinity. She had been ill since the birth of their son, and the hardships of their flight A report has reached General Young that

men did, and standing on deck, they shouted: three American prisoners, including Lieutenant Gillmore, at Banna, in the Province of North Ilocos. Another report says General Tino has been captured near Lavag.

Colonel Hare reports having had two encounters with General Tino, in which 150 Fili-These men came at the last minute to declare pinos were killed or wounded and about 250

General Bates has returned from the flag they seem inclined to resent. I have tried to raisings at Cottabatto, Poliok, Parang-Parang, pacify them, but their radical decision was Davao and Mati. The Sultan, Mfdanao, and the leading dates welcomed the Americans. The to find a solution. Therefore, I had no choice chief of Puerto Princesa refused to permit Genbut to accept their decision to leave and order eral Bates to land, announcing his allegiance to them ashore. Their conduct, certainly, is un- Aguinaido, and the Yorktown, lacking a landing

## THE THOMAS AT MANILA.

Washington, Dec. 23.-General Otis has inmade them acknowledge they had broken their formed the War Department that the transport contract, and, though they will be paid to date. Thomas arrived at Manila last evening, and had they will not receive their passage home. The no casualties on the trip. The Thomas left Newassistant who is sick will have the best medical York on November 4, and carried the 47th Vol-

# CLOSE AFTER AGUINALDO.

FROM-OPENING OF LUZON PORTS. Washington, Dec. 23.-A cable dispatch from General Otis was received at the War Depart- SMALL HOPE ENTERTAINED FOR ENment to-day, giving the first news for some time room, on the main deck. The room was filled of the detachments under Colonels Hare and with floral designs of the Maine and red crosses, Howze, who are pursuing Aguinaldo. General Otis's advices indicate that they are close up on

of the enemy. General Otis's dispatch follows: Manila, December 23 General Young reports, under date of the 21st inst., from Vigan, that Colonels Hare and Howze were heard from December 17, still in pursuit through the mountains of the insurgent respectively solved and worthy or inquipped and worthy of the sacred duty. Where ever the ship goes, I go."

The final signal for "All ashore" was followed by many handshakings and farewells, and as the Maine moved into the river three cheers were given for the ship, then for Lady Churchill and, finally, for the United States. Then those on board gave three cheers for the Union Jack, and the saliors on the surrounding craft cheered the United States as the white hull disappeared in the thickening fog.

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The Maine will coal at Las Palmas, Canary The Maine will be provided the particle of t

# PROFESSOR WORCESTER RELATES HIS LAST CONVERSATION WITH THE GENERAL.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Professor Dean C. Worces-er, a member of the Philippine Commission who was near to General Lawton, made the following statement to-day had with the General before his return to this country:

Nothing that could possibly be done would please General Lawton more than the prompt response that is being made to the appeal for funds to put his wife and children beyond the reach of need. His bravery was something more than mere fearthat is being made to the appeal for funds to pis wife and children beyond the reach of need, his bravery was something more than mere fear-lessness. The night before I left Manila I was with him until 12 o'clock, and just before bidding me goodby. I beeged him, as his friends had beegged of him hundreds of times before, to be more carreful about exposing himself to the fire of the enemy. At that time he had been seriously exposed on twenty-eight different occasions since his arrival in the Philippines, and I told him he ought not to do it. He replied that he knew perfectly the risk he was running, but that it was simply a matter of business with him—that with the force at his disposal and the work that he was called upon to do he felt it necessary that he should personally direct every movement. The loss of a little time or an error of judgment on the part of a subordinate might result in defeat, and we could not afford to be defeated. Furthermore, he knew that so long as he was with them his men would never fail to respond to any request or call that might be made upon them, and his personal bravery was an itspiration to every soldier in his command.

his command.

He told me that he had not an anxious thought for himself, that he had been a soldier all his life, and would gladly die a soldier's death; but he thought of what might be in store for his wife and children, if he should be taken, and this weighed heavily upon him. No man ever deserved better of his country, and General Lawton's countrymen will see to it that his wife and children are put beyond the fear of want.

## LAWTON HOME FUND GROWS. PRESIDENT M'KINLEY'S NAME AMONG THOSE Washington, Dec 23 -The Lawton home fund is

growing with gratifying rapidity. The indications are now such as to encourage the committee which has undertaken to collect the fund in the hope that if the contributions continue at the present rate they will be able to carry out the idea of making the fund a Christmas present to Lawton's famlly. The total reported this morning was \$7,449.55. Among the subscribers was President McKinley.

who contributed \$100.

Secretary Root and Adjutant General Corbin received a flood of telegraph messages this afternoon subscribing to the fund. Among the number were the following:

the following:

F S. Witherbee, New-York 150
George Westinghouse Pittsburg New-York 100
A. W. Seper, New-York 100
Charles R. Flint, New-York 100
W. York 100
W. York 100
W. Seward Webb, New-York 100
W. Seward Webb, New-Y

AN APPEAL FOR THE LAWTON FUND. to-day telegraphed a circular to the presidents of the Chambers of Commerce in the principal cities of Oregon. Washington, Idaho. Arizona, New-Mex-ico and Texas, inviting contributions to the fund for General Lawton's family. He has already re-ceived \$600, of which \$250 was sent by John Jacob Astor, of New-York, who was with General Lawton in Cube.

### SECRETARY ROOTS APPEAL. The following telegram from Secretary Root was

dinner on Friday, but arrived too late to be read Henry E. Howland, President New-England So-

city:
Will you convey my fraternal greetings to my old friends of the Pilgrims' sons, and will you ask them in their holiday joys not to forget poor Mrs. Lawton, with her little children, mourning their dead hero in Manila, or the fund which will keep poverty also from being added to her bereavement?

# SUBSCRIPTIONS IN TOLEDO.

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 23.-General John S. Kountz, former commander in chief of the G. A. R., started movement in Toledo to-day to aid a fund which General Alger is raising for the relief of the fam-ily of General Lawton. At a public meeting tonight \$1.50 was pledged, and a committee was named to prosecute the work here in the city of General Lawton's nativity, and at his boyhood home. Maumee.

THE BROOKLYN BEAT THE NEW-ORLEANS. Washington, Dec. 23.-Interest in the race between the New-Orleans and the Brooklyn on the

# COTTON DRESS FABRICS

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voyage to Manila has not yet subsided among naval officers. A calculation made at the Navigation Bureau shows that, deducting stops along the route, the actual steaming time of the two vessels was forty-eight days for the New-Orleans and forty-six for the Brooklyn. In other words, the Brooklyn covered the sixteen thousand miles to Manila in two days' less steaming time than the

# THIRTY MINERS LOST.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION IN A PENNSYL-VANIA COAL MINE.

TOMBED MEN-SHOCK FELT FOUR

Company. The explosion is likely to prove the worst since the Hill mine disaster at Dunbar.

The explosion was terrific, and was heard plainly here, three miles distant. The main shaft was totally wrecked and rendered helpless. About four cages of men had gone down to work. Thomas, the cageman, on his fourth trip went to the bottom with fourteen men, and gave the signal for the cage to rise when the explosion occurred. The cage was blown with terrific force to the top of the shaft, and fell back to the bottom, completely blocking access to the mine. Timbers were hurled hundreds of feet. The lower ring of brickwork in the airshaft was completely wrecked, and had to be tumbled to get into the mine at all. Eleven men and boys have been got out. One, Albert Meese, aged fourteen, died after reaching the air. One hand and a foot and one shoe were blown from the mine and found on top of the

The mine inspector, James Blick, of Monongahela, is on the ground, as is also Mr. Seddon, of the Albany Mine, and S. H. Pearsall and James I. Thornton, of the Knob Coal Works, Drs. Smith, Richard and Shoemaker, of Brownsville,

tom of the airshaft and was brought up by a be worked, which prevents forcing fresh air to the entombed men. It is thought they are all dead, as the had air and smoke issuing from the mine indicate a terrible condition inside. The work of rescue is necessarily slow, as the rescurrs have to dig their way into the men, so great was the force of the explosion. A thousand people are about the mouth of the mine, awaiting anxiously any bit of news that may om below, and wives, fathers, mothers come from below, and wives, fathers, mothers and children weeping for loved ones make many pathetic scenes. One year ago, just the day be-fore Christmas, a number were killed in a mine explosion at the Umpire Mine, and again many homes will be saddened on Christmas Day un-der similar circumstances.

# LATEST NEWS UNFAVORABLE.

That they will get out alive is exceedingly improbable, and to-night mothers, wives and sis-ters mourn them as dead. Since early this morning the imprisoned men have been without any air or food. They are separated from eager searchers by walls of debris, which fell when the explosion took place and blocked the road to liberty. At 7.30 o'clock this morning the death dealing blast was loosened. Owing to a shortage of cars, less than the usual number of men ntered the pit.

The Braznell Mine lies near a station of that

name on the Redstone Creek branch of the Pennsylvania Railroad. At 5 o'clock this morn-ing Fire Boss James Radeliffe went through the mine as usual, and found gas or "fire damp" in two places. He detected about four inches

The men were lowered into the lime in the cage, descending the main shaft, which is vertical. From forty to fifty men had entered the mine and dispersed through it when the gas was ignited in some manner not yet discovera-

must have reached every man in the mine. The cage in the main shaft, which was at the bot-tom, was blown into splinters, and the hoist-

# FUNERAL OF JAMES D. TAYLOR.

and treasurer of the Wagner Palace Car Company, took place at his late home. No. 32 Madison-ave., last evening, and was attended by many prominent railroad officials. The part of the parlor where the coffin lay was literally covered with flowers. William K. Vanderbilt sent a handsome floral piece, as did Commodore Van Santvoord and floral piece, as did Commodore Van Santvoord and the officials of the New-York Central and Wagner companies. The services were conducted by the Rev. Dr. Donald Sage Mackay, pastor of the Collegiate Church, at Fifth-ave, and Forty-eighth-st, of which Mr. Taylor was a member assisted by the senior pastor of the Collegiate parish, the Rev. Dr. Edward B. Coe. The choir from the Fifth Avenue Collegiate Church sang. Dr. Mackay made an address. The friends then took a last look at the face of the dead.

The body will be taken on a special train from the Grand Central Station, at 9 o'clock this morning, to Palatine Bridge, where another service will be held in Mr. Taylor's country home. The burlal will be in the Wagner plot at Palatine Bridge, on Christmas morning.

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TROLLEY CAR CRASHES INTO A HORSECAR IN THE BOWERY-SECOND ACCIDENT. NARROWLY AVERTED.

An electric car of the Madison-ave, line bound south at 7 o'clock last night, crashed into a Spring-st. horsecar as it crossed the Bowery into Delancey-st. Three persons were injured, the windows of the horsecar were broken, and many persons were badly frightened.

Joseph Morris of No. 40 Ridge-st., driver of the horsecar, had one shoulder dislocated; James J. Goodman, of No. 102 Bowery, the conductor, was bruised about the body, and Abraham Manheim, of No. 93 Clinton-st., a passenger, was

bruised about the knees and body. Morris had to go to the hospital The electric cart, in charge of Motorman Patrick Woods, of No. 167 East Eighty-seventhst., was going at a rapid rate when the horsecar got in its track. The motorman could not stop in time to avoid a collision, and his car hit the horsecar in the side, knocking it off the track and almost overturning it. The horsecar was badly wrecked, every window in it being broken and the passengers being thrown about. Both the conductor and the driver of the horsecar were thrown into the street.

The passengers were all able to get out of the car by themselves except Manheim, who was carried out. An ambulance surgeon attended him and the conductor, but Morris had to be removed to Gouverneur Hospital. Manheim and the conductor went home. The car was hauled off the tracks. The electric cas was not injured, Woods, the motorman, was arrested.

Another collision took place at Houston-st. and the Bowery between a northbound electric car of the Second-ave. line and a westbound horsecar of the Houston-st railway. The electric car and the horsecar were both going at full speed, and serious results were

The electric car and the norsecar were both going at full speed, and serious results were averted only by the motorman's putting on the brakes suddenly.

As it was, the dashboard of the electric car struck the side of the horsecar, which, however, did not stop, but crossed in front of the other, the only effect of the collision being that the front wheels were thrown off the track. A long scar, extending the length of the side of the car, was cut by the electric car's fender. Isadore Heller, the conductor of the horsecar, was thrown off the rear platform, landing on his face and getting a bloody nose. The electric car was not damaged, and as soon as the horsecar was out of the way the motorman, Patrick May, bowled on up the Bowery as merrily as before. The passengers in both cars were a little surprised by the collision, but none were hurt.

WALTER B. DURYEA'S CONDITION.

A report was published yesterday which said that Walter B. Duryea, son of Edgar E. Duryea, the starch manufacturer, at Glen Cove, Long Island, who is a patient at Roosevelt Hospital, with a broken neck, the result of a dive in shallow water, and whose life has been almost miraculously pre-served there since last August, had contracted pneumonia, and although he recovered from this had been obliged to undergo a second operation to reduce the pressure of his spinal cord by removing portions of the bone of the spinal column. This report, however, was denied by Superintendent Lathrop of Roosevelt Hospital, who said: "If there has been any change in Duryea's condition it is for the better. The report that a second operation has

the better. The report that a second operation has been performed on him and the story that he has had pneumonia are not true. Neither has he had delirium."

Duryea's case is a remarkable one, and though the preservation of his life is a triumph of science, it is a form of existence which to many would appear almost unendurable. The young man's neck and shoulders are encased in plaster. Over that he wears a stout leather jacket tightly laced. He occupies a specially constructed wheelchair. His appetite is fairly good and his voice is strong, but the altendance of a nurse is constantly required, and it is not thought safe yet to remove him to his home.

RAID ON A GAMBLING JOINT.

There was a raid last night on a gambling joint run on the second floor of the building at the southeast corner of Willoughby and Pearl sta. Brooklyn, by Captain Dunn and Detective Keenan, O'Brien and McCormack, Twenty men were found there and arrested. Gambling para-phernalia and \$28 in bills and coin were in the joint. The men were taken to the Adams-st. police station. The place was over a saloon run by French

### ROBBER'S ATTEMPT FRUSTRATED. Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 23 .- Charles Kile, presi-

dent, and Otto Kile, secretary, of the new Columbus Watch Company, were shot and seriously wounded to-day by Frank Knorr, a former employe, who waylaid and attempted to ploye, who waylaid and attempted to rob the latter. Otto Kile had just drawn from the bank about \$6,000 to pay the employes, and was returning to the factory when he was assaulted by Knorr. Kile resisted and his assaultent shot him in the side. The shot attracted the attention of Charles Kile, who happened to be leaving the factory, and he rushed to the assistance of his brother, who was holding on to the would-be robber with determination. Charles was shot in the neck. Knorr was then captured by pedestrians and turned over to the police. Knorr confessed that he had planned to rob the secretary of the watch company.

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EDGES AND INSERTIONS.

MILES AWAY.

Brownsville, Penn., Dec. 23.-An explosion occurred at the Braznell Coal Works, four miles from here, to-day. Thirty men are reported entombed. Word from Braznell by train says only one man has come out of the mine. The mine is owned by the Stockdale Coal

After tunnelling the wreckage at the bottom of the airshaft two men in the underground mule stable were found alive, but almost suffo-

cated from bad air.

OFFICIALS ON THE SCENE. One man of the rescue party went to the bot-

Pittsburg, Dec. 23.-A special dispatch to "The Post" from Brownsville, Penn., says:

the pit is now alive." These were the words of Mine Inspector James Blick, uttered by him at 10 o'clock to-night, as he stood at the mouth of the Braznell Mine, in whose depths thirty men

of gas in the main entry, about a hundred yards from the main shaft, and about an equal quantity in a room on a side entry, a short distance away. The fire boss reported the presence of the gas, but informed the superintendent that it was all right for the men to

A tremendous explosion occurred. Its force ing machinery wrecked.

# The funeral of James Duane Taylor, secretary

DISTRICT ATTORNEY GARDINER BETTER. District Attorney Gardiner, who broke one of his ibs on Thursday night by falling in the dark in his office, was reported to be improving yesterday.

Assistant District Attorney Unger said that Mr.
Gardiner had been removed from the Waldorf-Astoria by his two sons to his home in Garden City,
Long Island.

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